

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Ms. LINCOLN. Mr. Speaker, due to family emergency, I was unavoidably detained and unfortunately was not present for roll call vote 636, a vote on the previous question for the fiscal year 1996 Legislative Branch Appropriations conference report.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE M. WHITE

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I honor today a great American. George M. White, who has served 24 years as Architect of the Capitol, has announced his retirement, commencing November 21, 1995.

George M. White has established a long and distinguished career, having practiced as an architect and as a consulting engineer since 1948. He is a former electronics design engineer and assistant division manager at General Electric Company and a former member of the Faculty in Physics and in Architecture at Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. White zealously gives his time and energy to numerous organizations, such as the U.S. Capitol Police Board, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Board of Regents of the American Architectural Foundation. A few of his former affiliations have been as Trustee of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Chairman of the Architectural Advisory Group regarding the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, and member of the Visiting Committee, Department of Architecture and Planning.

George M. White's reputation is universally acclaimed. He is a former member of an international committee of consultants for the Egyptian Museum of Cairo and a former Chairman of the Committee of Review of the National Capital Development Commission for Canberra, Australia.

George M. White has served as the designer, protector and preserver of our federal buildings in the manner of one who reveres and respects the great halls of our nation's Capital. I know all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in wishing George M. White much happiness and success in the years to come. We shall all miss him.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
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SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday August 3, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2127) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes:

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Kolbe amendment to restore the requirement of current law that a State must pay for abortions resulting from rape or incest for women who are eligible under the State Medicaid Program.

We are dealing with a few simple facts here. Abortion is a legal medical procedure in this country. Rape and incest are illegal crimes in this country. The involuntary pregnancy resulting from one of these crimes is a terrible burden for the victim. It is wrong to make her plight more burdensome and more difficult by keeping her from the medical services that she decides she needs.

Under the bill sent to this House by the Appropriations Committee, the victim of the crime of rape and the victim of the crime of incest are punished. If they are poor—and that is what women eligible for Medicaid are—and they cannot afford to pay out of their own pockets for an abortion, their access to this legal medical procedure is eliminated.

In the name of morality, the Members of this House are substituting their judgment for the judgment of the unfortunate women who have been the victims of these unspeakable crimes. In denying her the choice of an abortion, this bill assaults these women a second time, and compounds the agony they already face.

Women who are the victims of rape or incest have been harmed enough by their criminal assailants. We should not be party to compounding that harm.

I urge Members to do the only humane thing: vote for the Kolbe amendment; retain the requirements of the current law.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR CARL W. BLOCK

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and privilege for me to congratulate the Honorable Carl W. Block, mayor of Stafford Township, for his 25 years of dedicated public service as a member of the Stafford Township Council, Planning Board, Regular Republican Club, and the Board of Trustees of Southern Ocean County Hospital.

Under Carl's leadership, Stafford Township has won 24 State and national environmental awards, more than any other municipality in

the country. Many of the environmental processes conceived and piloted by Stafford are now being used nationwide and in Europe.

Under Mayor Block's leadership, Stafford Township is the fastest growing community in all of Ocean County, with more business and commercial development than any other Ocean County community. This has enabled the township to maintain a tax rate for its citizens well below the county average.

Mayor Block has been successful in bringing to Stafford millions of dollars in revitalization grants, including the Neighborhood Preservation Program, which is used to revitalize older areas of the township. He has also increased parks and recreational areas for the residents of Stafford by 1,000 percent. Manahawkin Lake, which has revitalized under Mayor Block's leadership, has had the highest percentage of swimmable days in all of Ocean County.

Carl developed a long-range master plan for Stafford which gave careful consideration to growth while protecting the environment and assuring that future growth would be managed properly through existing infrastructure and roadways.

His dedication to quality of life issues in Stafford Township resulted in the township receiving the Quality New Jersey Award in 1992. This award is equivalent of the Malcolm Bainbridge Award. Stafford's successes with environmental planning and management have been recognized by numerous national magazines, including National Geographic, which pointed to Stafford Township as an example of how one town can make a difference.

The past year, under Carl's leadership, Stafford was the first township in New Jersey to win the prestigious Lawrence Emerson Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This resulted in the permanent display of New Jersey's State Flag at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska. Stafford was also selected for the 1995 First Place National Award for Excellence by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] for its innovative storm water management design.

Stafford Township's designation as a Tree City U.S.A. for 26 consecutive years, and as a Tree Growth Award Winner for 4 consecutive years are records unsurpassed by any other community in the entire Nation.

Carl Block's motto throughout his tenure as an elected official has been "Progress With Pride." Stafford Township's economic growth, as well as the environmental regulations in existence in the township today, are indicative of his success in judiciously encouraging growth while protecting the environment.

For his contributions to the citizens of Stafford Township and all of Ocean County, I recognize Mayor Carl Block today.

REFORMING WELFARE

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, August 23, 1995, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REFORMING WELFARE

Hoosiers do not like the current welfare system. They think it is anti-work and anti-